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Couple says making babies 'fun'



Cape Breton soldier faces court martial

MANSLAUGHTER A Nova Scotia soldier will be court-martialled for his role in the March 2007 death of Cpl. Ronald Kevin Megeney of Stellarton.

Yesterday, the Department of National Defence announced it will prosecute Cpl. Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay for manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death, and negligently performing a military duty.

Wilcox is a reservist with the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders. His uncle, John Wilcox, declined comment on the family's behalf.

No date has been set yet for the court martial, which will be held in Sydney. Manslaughter carries a potential life term in prison.

Megeney, 25, was shot in his Kandahar Airfield tent March 7, 2007. At the time, the military called it an accidental shooting. Megeney's family had no comment yesterday, but in October, his parents, Karen and Dexter, said they felt badly for Wilcox's family.

Wilcox was charged Oct. 25, 2007.

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N.S.'s funniest threesome



The Peninsula Place parking garage flooded for a third time in six months yesterday. Three vehicles were towed out of the shin-deep, murky storm water after the owners couldn't be reached.

Peninsula Place parking garage floods yet again

Cause not known, but HRM pays for cleanup as a 'goodwill gesture'

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"I thought this was already fixed, but every time it rains there's always a flood."

Tamer Khalil, Peninsula Place resident

Yesterday, for the third time in six months, the Peninsula Place parking garage flooded — much to residents' dismay.

Most of the residents had already driven to work or parked elsewhere when the flood at the Barrington Street apartment building began at about 9 a.m. Three vehicles were towed out of the shin-deep brown water because their owners couldn't be reached.

Tamer Khalil, who has lived in Peninsula Place for 3½ years, is still fighting his insurance company for the loss of a \$130,000 convertible BMW after a January flood.

Meanwhile, he's still stuck paying the car lease and shelling out for a rental car. Luckily, he parked across the street Sunday night.

"I thought this was already fixed, but every time it rains there's always a flood," Khalil said.

Insurance companies are still sorting out who's to blame for two floods in January and February that destroyed more than 50 cars.

Tenants point to the city's nearby Harbour Solutions pumping station. They say hur-

ricane Juan was the cause of the only flood before the station opened.

Khalil said the city should have closed the pumping station until it sorted out the problem.

Universal Properties, which manages the building, is paying for towing and has paid for cleaning in the past. The city paid for yesterday's cleanup as a "goodwill gesture," spokesman James Campbell said.

City workers stacked sandbags around the garage and were on hand overnight in case

of another flood.

He said the contractor and the city are trying to figure out if the flooding is related to the pumping station.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane, who was on hand during the flood yesterday, said the issue should be resolved by now.

"We have to make sure this doesn't happen again," she said.

Mayor Peter Kelly says the problem is complex and it's not easy to pinpoint whether it's a design, construction or operational flaw.

He said city engineers are discussing the matter with Halifax Water, Dexter Construction, which built the pumping station, and wastewater treatment builders Degremont this afternoon.



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Local



Two-thirds use cells

Only 66 per cent of Canadians aged 16 to 60 use cell-phones regularly, compared to 90 per cent in the U.S., according to a TNS Canadian Facts survey. One-third of Canucks surveyed don't own a cell phone and don't plan to buy one in the next year. **METRO HALIFAX**

Man sues Metro Transit, claims bus hit him

COURT A man is suing Metro Transit after allegedly getting hit by a bus on Barrington Street.

Kurt Calvin Carr of Fall River says he was walking at the corner of Gottingen and Barrington on May 29 when a Metro Transit bus failed to yield and struck him, according to court documents filed last week.

Carr alleges the Metro Transit driver, Chris Tanner, was negligent by driving at excessive speed, not paying attention, not yielding the right of way and not trying to break when it appeared the accident was imminent.

None of the charges have been proven in court and Metro Transit has yet to file a defence.

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Scalping no crime

There's no law in Nova Scotia banning the resale of tickets

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Outrageous prices for Elton John tickets might seem illegal, but they're not.

Deborah Bayer, spokeswoman with Service Nova Scotia, said this province is one of many which doesn't have an anti-scalping law. In fact, only Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba have made it illegal and have their own problems trying to enforce it.

"We will continue to monitor it," Bayer said.

"But at this point, there really isn't a need for legislation because it happens

so infrequently."

Big concerts such as Elton John, which create such a demand for tickets, are rare, she said.

Tickets that sold from \$99.50 and \$149.50 plus services charges are selling for at least double that online.

Tony Cushman, 22, buys and sells tickets, but not for Elton John.

"I can see how people would think there's some-

Scalping laws

- Only Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba have made it illegal to scalp tickets — and they have their own problems trying to enforce it.

"It's no different than how most things work in this society where things are in hot demand and they sell it for more money."

Tony Cushman, ticket scalper

thing wrong with it, but I guess, in a way, it's no different than how most things work in this society where things are in hot demand and they sell it for more money," Cushman said.

Scalping tickets is a bit risky. Cushman recently got burned on some Spice Girls tickets in Toronto, so he didn't try to get any tickets for John's two concerts.

Plus, a lot of money is needed up front to buy a

bunch of tickets.

"I've paid through the roof before to go see certain shows, so I thought I'd try doing the same thing," said Cushman, who only sells concert tickets occasionally.

He said he feels for John fans who weren't lucky enough to get tickets and who don't want to pay a huge markup.

"It's pretty insane. I'm sure there a lot of frustrated people out there."

Cristobal rains on the way today

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WEATHER Prepare to get wet. Post-tropical storm Cristobal is expected to drop anywhere from 50 to 100 millimetres of rain on the province over the next day-and-a-half.

"If you get 100 mm over a shorter period of time, it could cause some localized flooding," said Bob Robichaud with Environment Canada's storm prediction centre.

Cristobal formed off the coast of the Eastern U.S. and is heading for the southern part of the province, Cape Breton and then on to Newfoundland.

But it won't be anything like post-tropical storm Noel that hit the province last fall, Robichaud said.

Winds and driving rains from the November storm caused wave surges and flooding that tore apart residential and provincial infrastructure such as Conrads Road in Hubbards. Reconstruction of the road was just completed about a month and a half ago.

Cristobal won't bring winds anywhere near that strength, but Environment Canada is issuing rainfall warnings for the southwestern part of the province.

News in brief

ROBBERY Two teens armed with a BB gun stole cash and cigarettes from a man at the corner of Cornwallis and Creighton streets yesterday. Police arrested two 18-year-old men and a 16-year-old female later in the area.

ROBBERY A thief stole an undisclosed amount of cash after robbing a Herring Cove Road gas station early yesterday. The suspect entered the Ultramar at 173 Herring Cove Rd. just after midnight and handed the clerk a note demanding money. He handed over the cash and the suspect fled.

ASSAULT A Halifax man walking his dog in the area of Grey-stone Drive and Cranberry Court was approached by another man who demanded he hand over his dog. The victim refused and the suspect sprayed him with pepper spray and fled the area. **METRO HALIFAX**

After 35 million trips, it's time to quit

Province's oldest escalators shut down after lengthy service at Stanfield airport

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This pair of retiring co-workers never complained about the ups and downs of the job (groan).

The oldest escalators in the province retired from duty yesterday, after a calculated 35 million revolutions.

They're the central escalators in the Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport, and they'll be dismantled because of a multi-million dollar face lift.

They were there when the airport first opened in July 1960, and they were turned off yesterday.

"There was no ceremony," joked airport spokesman Peter Spurway.

"There were no candlelight vigils or anything."

But the escalators were extremely reliable through the decades and

were only shut off sporadically for maintenance. They will be replaced with new, better designed esca-

lators.

Still, Spurway said they are a piece of history and he tried to save them.

"We contacted the Museum of Industry in Stellarton to see if they would be interested, but they've taken a pass."

Still, there might be a place for them — at least a part — in the airport.

"I asked to have a half dozen of the treads kept," Spurway said.

"I don't know what we're going to do with them, but it just seems to me that we shouldn't just throw the whole thing away."

There might be room for them in a display celebrating the 50th anniversary of the airport in 2010. Staff

are considering creating a larger area in the observation deck to capture more of the airport's history.

"It would be a neat artifact to have, a couple of these treads that literally millions of people stood on over the years," Spurway said.



The oldest escalators in the province were shut down yesterday at the Robert L. Stanfield International Airport. They're due to be dismantled as part of an airport face lift.

Many firms attend air show

Twenty Atlantic Canadian aerospace companies, including Deep Vision Inc. and Advanced Precision Machining of Dartmouth, took part in the Farnborough International Air Show last week. Over 10,000 people in the region work in the aerospace and defence industry in this region. **METRO HALIFAX**

Teen arrested in relation to robberies

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CRIME After a string of recent robberies on Cole Harbour paths a 17-year-old boy has now been arrested.

The teen is charged with two counts of robbery after he and a friend robbed the same person twice a week apart in early July.

"The kid was walking towards the tunnel near Cole Harbour Place. He was approached by two males who asked him what was in his pockets. Each time he had a different type of GameBoy and each time they stole the GameBoy from him," said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

The other person involved in the robbery has not been arrested, but Taplin believes that will come soon.

The 17-year-old was also charged with a separate break and enter, and several counts of breaching court orders.

There were two other robberies near Cole Harbour Place last week. One involved two male's stealing a BMX bike, the other ended with a man sent to hospital with head injuries after he was assaulted and robbed.

Hope floats for sharks

New mating ground good news for dwindling species

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The discovery of a new breeding ground for porbeagle sharks off the coast of Nova Scotia means the dwindling species will have a chance to recover.

The population has decreased to about a tenth of its size since commercial fishing of the shark began in 1961, said Steve Campana, a marine biologist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography.

"To find out there's a second mating ground for this population means it's got a far more reproductive potential than we had thought before," Campana said.

The institute confirmed the breeding ground on Georges Bank earlier this month after several of the sharks had been caught by commercial draggers.

Campana said it's unusual for the sharks to be caught in the slow draggers because they're one of the faster fishes in the ocean.

Through research, they determined there were many large females congregating in the area without any accompanying males.



Scientists with the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Halifax check out a female porbeagle shark caught on Georges Bank last month. The shark was fit with a surveillance tag for research.

"Mating is the only real answer to why they were there," Campana said. Before now, knowledge about where the sharks mate, how they mate and

"We'd never want to be the group that would annihilate the stock."

Atlantic Shark Association president Patrick Gray

where they give birth has been virtually unknown, he said.

The quota for the population, which sits at about 190,000 in waters off Canada, is currently 185 tonnes, down from about 1,500 tonnes in the 1990s.

Patrick Gray, president of the Atlantic Shark Association, said the group will recommend the area be closed to shark fishing while the population rebuilds itself.

"We'd never want to be the group that would annihilate the stock," he said.

The flesh of the porbeagle shark is regularly eaten in the United States and Gray said most of the stock is shipped south.

He said the discovery of the breeding ground has been "an eye opener for everyone" and is good news for the health of the population.

West Hants

Council opposes mining in N.S.

OBJECTION West Hants municipal councillors are unanimous in their objection to uranium exploration and mining in the province. At its July 8 session, council passed a motion to send a letter asking the provincial government to create legislation what will permanently ban those activities in Nova Scotia. The motion was in response to correspondence from CAPE (Citizen Action to Protect the Environment), which asked council pass a formal resolution prior to the July 31 deadline for input on Voluntary Planning.

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Real estate

Decrease in building permits

TRURO Issued building permits for the Town of Truro are down compared to this time last year. From the beginning of January to the end of June, Truro issued 99 permits worth roughly \$7.5 million, compared to 112 permits for the same time period last year worth about \$20 million. The significant difference in the dollar value is due to a hot residential market last year.

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Cops searching for ATM thief

ENFIELD Police are looking for help in identifying a man who used a knife to threaten and rob a female customer at an Enfield bank.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, the man followed a customer into the ATM area of Scotiabank. The suspect threatened the woman with a knife and demanded money. The victim gave him cash and the man left in a dark coloured model extended cab pick up truck with New Brunswick license plates.

The suspect is a white male, approximately 40 years old, thin 4-foot-9 with a graying beard. RCMP are asking anyone with information to call the Enfield RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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Moviegoer gets in on the action

ARREST The Dark Knight turned out to be more of an action flick than most customers had bargained for Sunday night at Park Lane cinema.

Const. Jeff Carr, spokesman with the Halifax Regional Police, said a fight broke out at a showing of the new Batman movie after one movie-goer decided to spark up a cigarette in the theatre.

Another audience member noticed the man with the smoke and told him he wasn't allowed to light up in the theatre.

At the same time he noticed the man also had an open can of beer.

After the conscientious patron asked the man to put out the cigarette and get rid of the beer, the man took a swing at him. "So he put him down to the ground and held him until security arrived and they held him until we arrived," Carr said.

The man was charged with illegal possession of liquor and being drunk in a public place.

"That's \$570 worth of tickets for the sake of having a beer at the theatre," Carr said.

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Number of youth behind bars drops

Programs to help kids lower sentencing figures: Police

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Youth jail cells in Nova Scotia are roomier these days.

A study conducted by Statistics Canada shows a significant drop in the number of young people in sentenced custody. It compares two time periods: 2001-02 and 2005-06 — before and after the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

It proves fewer kids are heading to jail, but it doesn't necessarily mean a drop in youth crime, said

"There were a very small portion of incorrigible youth that were committing crime after crime after crime."

Const. Jeff Carr

Const. Jeff Carr with the Halifax Regional Police.

The YCJA was designed to divert minor cases away from the court system and to where community members supervise offenders.

In 2001-02, there were 317 youths in sentenced custody. That dropped to less than half — 146 — in 2005-06.

There were also fewer kids held in pre-trial detention: 388 as compared to 227. And the trend is the same across the country where there were 63 per cent fewer 12 to 17-year-olds placed in custody.

"The act works very well for the majority of youth who come into conflict with the law," Carr said.

But not all.

"In HRM, there seems there were a very small portion of incorrigible youth that were committing crime after crime after crime, and weren't being held in pretrial custody."

HRP, along with others, lobbied to make changes to the YCJA, he said, and they are being addressed.

Carla Grant with the provincial Department of Justice said yesterday's custody report was no surprise at all.

"With the YCJA it was expected the number of youth in custody would decrease," she said.

Fire forces seniors from apartments

NORTHWOOD An electrical fire forced 32 seniors from their apartments in north-end Halifax yesterday. Halifax regional fire responded to a fire alarm on the third floor of Northwood Centre, a nine-storey building with 24-hour nursing care, just after 8:30 a.m. yesterday.

"That fire was rather small and extinguished on arrival," Halifax regional fire spokesman Dave Meldrum said. "But it did create some smoke, so our

firefighters spent some time helping the staff moving the residents off that floor." "The Dave Meldrum

challenges without breathing in smoke."

Northwood spokesman John Verlinden says the fire was contained to a cart used to heat food. As a precaution, third-floor residents were taken to an activity centre on the main floor while staff cleaned up the smoke and the dust sprayed from fire extinguishers.

Tenants are expected to be back in their apartments by the end of the day.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Motorist found not guilty in boy's death

SYDNEY The man who struck and killed a six-year-old Florence boy two years ago was acquitted of the charges yesterday, and provincial court Judge Anne Derrick found that while he was impaired by alcohol at the time, his impairment didn't cause the accident.

Patrick (Paddy) Eric Brogan, 59, also of Florence, had been charged with impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death.

At the outset of his four-day trial in June, Brogan pleaded guilty to another charge of driving with a blood alcohol level exceeding the legal limit.

For that offence, Derrick sentenced him to a fine of \$1,000 and one-year driving prohibition. He was charged in connection with the Sept. 27, 2006 death of Joshua Penny who was riding his bike on Main Street in Florence when he was struck by Brogan. Penny died nine days later as a result of serious head trauma and other internal injuries.

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Pride Week Flag raising



Mayor Peter Kelly and Ed Savage, organizer of this year's Pride Parade, together raised the gay pride flag in Grand Parade Square outside Halifax City Hall yesterday afternoon, proclaiming the start of Pride Week 2008.

Rains help cut down fire risk

FORESTS This week's rain is just what the doctor ordered for Nova Scotia's forests, says Rob Uttaro.

The supervisor of fire management for the Department of Natural Resources said the wet weather has lowered the fire weather index. As of yesterday afternoon, the entire province was listed as low.

"It's helping," Uttaro told the Truro Daily News yesterday as light drizzle came down in Truro.

"I would like to see a little bit more and it looks like we're going to get it."

Periods of rain with the risk of a thundershowers are forecasted for today.

Uttaro said if the wet weather continues it may be able to lift a ban on open fires in place since July 9. Fires are only allowed in approved fire

grills in government and private campgrounds.

THE TRURO DAILY NEWS

B.C. club drives teens away

A B.C. nightclub has spent almost \$7,000 on the Mosquito Ultrasonic Teen Repellent, which emits a high-pitched sound that usually only people under 25 can hear to chase loitering teens and unwanted clientele away from their establishment. **METRO CANADA**

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Canada

"There were a series of conversations...that certainly raise questions."

Donald Plouffe, a Federal Bureau Competition officer, speaking about alleged Quebec gas price fixing.



gas prices

Wire-tap evidence that led to charges in an alleged Quebec gas price-fixing scheme suggest discussions about prices took place in several regions beyond those targeted, a new report reveals.

Supremacists offering relocation money

A Canadian white supremacist group, apparently struggling to attract new blood, has turned to offering financial incentives to woo recruits, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The Aryan Guard in Calgary, Alberta, who number

an estimated 25, has offered to pay the damage deposit on rental accommodations for anyone relocating to the city to join the group.

"The Aryan Guard is always seeking new brothers and sisters, if you are interested in relocating to our

"If you are interested in relocating to our Calgary area, we will pay the damage deposit for your residence."

Pulled from an Aryan Guard message board

Calgary area, we will pay the damage deposit for your residence," the Internet posting said. The posting is entitled "White Nationalist Reloca-

tion Program — Destination Calgary." The group has had trouble gaining traction in the Western Canadian city, where they have been outnumbered at their rallies by crowds of anti-racists. No one at the Aryan Guard returned requests for an interview

about the cash incentives.

"That makes me sick," the Sun quoted city councillor Ric McIver as saying.

McIver said the local government could not stop anyone from moving to town, but he stressed hate crimes will not be tolerated. **REUTERS**

Ottawa transit pet plan draws critics

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Ottawa supporters say permitting small pets on public transit will not turn buses into mobile zoos, but allergists say it could feel that way for some people.

While a small percentage of people have animal allergies, allergist Dr. David Algom said those who do stand to be affected if OC Transpo allows pets on transit.

"The whole compartment is closed and if people are allergic to small animals they may develop anything from sneezing, running nose, itchy eyes and up to hives and even bronchial asthma," said Dr. Algom, a practicing allergist in Ottawa for 30 years.

A committee has approved a plan for a six-month trial period to allow pet owners to bring small animals in crates onto the bus during off-peak hours. Criticism for the plan concerns people who may have allergic reactions to animals.

But Candice O'Connell, chair of the group Responsible Dog Owners of Cana-



Sisi, a Chinese Shih Tzu, must wait a little longer yet before being allowed to join owner Joanie Bouliane aboard an OC Transpo bus. The city is considering a six-month pilot project to allow crated, small pets on buses.

da that is proposing the idea, downplays the risk, noting guide dogs are already allowed on buses and that has not threatened safety.

"We've got probably 55 per cent of riders already that are carrying (animal) dander (on their clothes) and there is no problem," she said.

"It's not going to be an invasion of the transit sys-

tem," added O'Connell. "It'll be the odd little old lady with her cat, going to the vet."

Another city allergist, Dr. Antony Ham Pong, said there is potential for someone to be hospitalized by a reaction, but questioned if an "average" allergic person would be exposed long enough to suffer a severe reaction.

"It's not that the cat is

living on the bus and the concentration of animal dander on the bus is very high," he said.

The larger threat would be to an allergic driver, who may have to tolerate many animals daily.

Transit should consider designating "pet seating" so people with allergies could know that animals might be present and sit far enough away, he said.

Vancouver City Hall looks at banning plastic bottles

ENVIRONMENT A Vancouver councillor wants to flush plastic water bottles from their City Hall.

Vision party Coun. Tim Stevenson is putting forward a motion today to ban the sale and provision of bottled water, including water coolers, in all their city departments.

It also asks the motion be relayed to the park, library and police boards for

adoption

"We have the very best (tap) water anywhere in the world here," Stevenson said. "It's the cleanest. The purest ... the City of Vancouver should be setting an example for all of the citizens."

However, he added, employees who prefer bottled water can still bring it into work.

METRO CANADA



A shoe that washed up on a B.C. shore with a foot in it.

B.C. foot I.D. to remain quiet: RCMP

B.C. MYSTERY Investigators are not publicly identifying a man whose foot washed ashore in Georgia Strait last August.

The foot — the first of five found in Southwestern B.C. in the past year — was discovered Aug. 20, 2007 inside a Campus-brand running shoe on Jedediah Island. Police, however, said that at the request of the man's family they would not be releasing his identity. A tip from the public led to the identification. RCMP don't know how the man died, but have no evidence of foul play. The foot, like the other four found, became disarticulated through natural processes, like decay.

As well, police confirmed that they have eliminated four people killed in a plane crash off Quadra Island in 2005 as possible victims. **METRO CANADA**

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News in brief

BLUE HERON The rotting carcass of a great blue heron is causing a stink at a Vancouver tennis tournament. But the city's park board says the foul fowl isn't going anywhere because removing it could disturb and endanger an entire colony of the protected birds that are nesting nearby.

PROSTITUTE ATTACK Hamilton police say it's too early to tell if a frenzied attack on a prostitute that left her with more than 30 wounds was related to a slew of murders and assaults on sex workers in the city over the last eight years.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

U.S. lawyer warns against Great Lakes pact

HEALTH A pact designed to preserve the Great Lakes is in reality a "slippery slope" that threatens severe harm to the world's largest body of freshwater, a top U.S. environmental lawyer yesterday warned Canadians.

"In effect, a precedent is being set in that it allows for the commercialization of water. You are privatizing it," said Michigan lawyer James Olson, of an agreement among eight Great Lakes states now before the U.S. Congress and linked to Ontario and Quebec through a side agreement.

gradual loss of water levels

While Olson is worried about the gradual loss of water levels through the activities of, say, bottling companies, under current limitations, he predicts these quantitative restrictions will turn out to be mere formalities destined to be overturned in court challenges. Olson, who has battled Nestle over its Michigan bottling operations, is working with the Council of Canadians.

Olson also criticizes allowing water to be removed from the system by private industry as long as it's not "bulk diversion" — with no limit on the number of containers an enterprise, such as water bottling, can sell.

That means an impor-

tant legal precedent has been set giving water a "product" exemption from the diversion ban on Great Lakes water at the heart of the deal. It is a product to be exploited for private gain, and not to be recognized as a public trust.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday he would like to give the king of Spain a hug when he visits Europe next week, but the outspoken leader, referring to a diplomatic spat last year, said he will not shut up. **REUTERS**

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Obama meets Iraqis

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama met Iraqi leaders and U.S. military commanders in Baghdad yesterday in a visit overshadowed by the question of when U.S. troops should go home.

U.S. strategy in Iraq and troop levels are central issues in the November

election race between the first-term senator from Illinois and Republican candidate John McCain.

Obama, who has made his opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq five years ago a centrepiece of his campaign, was in Baghdad to assess security in Iraq, where violence

has fallen to its lowest level since early 2004.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Obama did not mention his pledge to remove U.S. combat troops within 16 months if he takes office in talks with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

REUTERS

News in brief

NUCLEAR North Korea and its five negotiating partners must agree on a clear process for verifying Pyongyang's declarations on its nuclear disarmament.

VISIT Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez visits a resurgent Russia this week on an arms shopping trip that raises the anti-U.S. leader's profile and will irritate his hosts' rivals in Washington. **REUTERS**

Former Bosnian Serb president arrested after 11-year search

WAR CRIMES Bosnian Serb wartime president Radovan Karadzic, wanted for planning and ordering Europe's worst atrocities since World War II, was arrested yesterday after 11 years on the run.

"Karadzic was located and arrested," President Boris Tadic said in a terse bulletin with the news that Bosnian Muslims had begun to despair of ever hearing.

It brought people out in the night onto the streets

of Sarajevo, the city his troops shelled mercilessly during a 43-month siege, to celebrate the capture of the man charged with authorizing the slaughter of 11,000 of their fellow citizens.

"I called and woke up my whole family," said Sarajevo resident Fadil Bico, as cars streamed through the streets honking horns and Bosnian state radio played excerpts of Karadzic's wartime hate speeches. **REUTERS**

Missing McCann case dropped



Gerry and Kate McCann speak to media during a news conference in England yesterday. Portugal's public prosecutor dropped the case on the disappearance of British girl Madeleine McCann in the absence of any evidence yesterday.

Business

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Closing announcement:

DHX Media Ltd. of Halifax announced yesterday the closing of its acquisition of imX Communications Inc. and its library of 20 feature films and 26 half-hours of television drama, documentary and animation entertainment. imX Communications president Chris Zimmer will join DHX Media under a consulting to lead imX in developing and producing feature film projects. The total consideration paid at closing is \$755,000.

Patent right granted:

Halifax's MedMira Inc. announced that it received a notice on grant of patent right for invention from China's State Intellectual Property Office for its rapid diagnostic device and assay. The invention is the rapid flow-through technology platform, the core product on which the company has built its line of rapid tests for diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis.

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Spectrum auction ends

WIRELESS Canada's auction of wireless spectrum ended yesterday and new players appear poised to enter the market and challenge the country's Big Three carriers in a fight for mobile phone subscribers.

The auction of airwaves over which wireless services are delivered raised \$4.25 billion in 331 rounds

Key facts

- Rogers, Telus and BCE now control about 95 per cent of the wireless market in terms of revenues.

and almost two months of bidding — more than twice the amount analysts had expected.

Rogers Communications was the top bidder with offers totaling \$999.4 million — letting the company secure spectrum in every area of the country.

Telus Corp. had \$879.9 million in standing high bids. BCE Inc., the biggest telecoms company in the country, had bids totaling \$740.9 million. **REUTERS**

In brief

TOP CAR A car will likely beat a truck as Canada's best-selling vehicle in 2008 for the first time in 15 years. Honda's Civic compact is pulling away from Ford's F-Series pickup in sales, according to DesRosiers Automotive Consultants.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BOMBARDIER The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board recommended yesterday that Bombardier revise takeoff instructions for its Challenger 600 airplanes following a February 2005 incident in which a Challenger jet ran off a runway in New Jersey. **REUTERS**

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Your Money

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Find the perfect day

SmartCookies



OK, brace yourselves; we're going to get a little deep here. We have finally finished A New Earth.

Yeah, yeah, we know we are a little behind the eight ball on this one but let's agree, it's not a summer beach read and hey, we'll admit, we've been a little busy.

Now being Smart Cookies we find a way to relate everything we read back to money. And Eckhart's Tolle's book is no different.

Essentially Tolle explains that many people become consumed by obtaining things in attempts to fill or complete them-

"How many of you have thought, 'Once I get that new house, then my life will be better'? Or 'If I get this dress for tonight, then I will stand out at the party'?"

selves. While we agree, we are the first to admit that we love "things" — new shoes, new clothes, new items for our home — you name it. So we were relieved to read that is OK to want things.

However, according to Tolle, it's impossible to lead a fulfilling life if we try to build our identity through "things". Tolle illustrates this point by commenting "we cannot really honour things if we use them as a mean to self-enhancement, that is to say, if we try to find ourselves through them."



Planning your perfect day allows you to become clear on what exactly you want.

The point is, to be appreciative of what you do have right now. And it's not about what you want but rather why you want it. For example, do you want the coach bag be-

cause it's good quality and lasts forever or do you want it because you think people will look at you and think you've arrived?

How many of you have thought, "Once I get that

new house, then my life will be better"? Or "If I get this dress for tonight, then I will stand out at the party"? Or "Once I get that new car I will find the right woman?"

We'll admit we used to throw around the same excuses but we've gotten a lot better ever since we created what we call "The Perfect Day". Planning your perfect day allows you to get clear on what exactly you want to spend your money on. On *smartcookies.com* we have a number of questions to help you describe your perfect day. Essentially you pull three activities from your perfect day that bring you joy (spending time with family and friends, cooking, working out) and then three things in your perfect day that you don't have now but are looking forward to in the future.

We invite you to visit *smartcookies.com* and download the Perfect Day exercise. Send comments and questions to us at *smartcookies@metronews.ca*.

Tune in Wednesday night at 9 p.m. EST/PST on the W Network and be sure to visit *smartcookies.com* for more tips.

Reader looks for guidance in tricky investment world

MoneyMatters

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If money cannot be made in financial stocks then it will flow to technology, or it may move to real estate, or commodities.

Q This year, I expect to set aside some savings and be more proactive with investments. I am a little confused with what types of investments would give the best returns? Are all investments taxed similarly?

-KAREN

A With stock markets reeling from the financial crisis, some analysts would advise to stay on the sidelines until it all clears. However, opportunities exist even in times of uncertainty. Investors that held energy and oil companies for the past three years would argue the markets are good.

The laws of investment dictate: Money must seek a place that gives adequate returns. If money cannot be made in financial stocks

then it will flow to technology, or it may move to real estate, or commodities, etc. Money must find a place and under your mattress is not an option.

How investment returns are taxed depends on the nature of the return. Generally, returns to investors make take the form of interest, dividends, capital gains, return of capital etc. The after-tax return influences many investors as to the type of investments they choose.

The following tax rates (individual in highest combined 2007 federal and provincial marginal tax rate) should give you some indication:

• Employment income: 46.4 per cent

- Interest income (GICs, Bonds etc.): 46.4 per cent
- Capital gains (sale of stocks, real estate): 23.2 per cent
- Dividends (eligible public companies): 24.6 per cent
- Dividends (non-eligible, private companies): 31 per cent
- Return of Capital (income trust): Nil (added to adjusted cost)
- Investment in RRSPs: Nil (taxed like interest on withdrawal)

Informed investors can make informed decisions. Consult a financial/stock adviser.

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Beijing Games

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Subway seizes up as roads cleared

TRANSPORTATION One of Beijing's most important subway lines seized up yesterday when workers closed off entrances on the first working day of pre-Olympic traffic restrictions.

Passengers were being allowed off Line 2, which runs in a loop around central Beijing, but not on to it. At least one major transfer station, at Jianguomen, was closed.

"There is a big crush of passengers. We've had to close the line for safety reasons," said a subway worker.

Migrant workers swept out of town

ECONOMICS The Bird's Nest national stadium is the pride of Beijing and one of the iconic structures of China's 2008 Olympic Games, but the men and women who built it may never see it coming to life.

As the opening ceremony of the Games approaches, the army of migrant workers who worked on the city's 31 Olympic projects are packing their bags and heading back to their rural homes as part of a city clean-up campaign that starts in earnest this week.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

SOCCER Real Madrid have asked Brazil to release Robinho from their Olympic squad after pre-season medical tests revealed that the forward is suffering from a groin injury. The 24-year-old player admitted he was disappointed that he would miss the Games, but respects his team's decision.

ATHLETICS Doping-tainted Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou must decide by tomorrow whether she will compete in next month's Beijing Olympics. Thanou, who served a two-year ban for missing drugs tests, has not yet announced her decision.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

TEAM EFFORT For the first time, Canada will be sending a full triathlon team of six people to compete at the Games. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

16 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

'I've found my passion'

Cameron discovers rowing at 25, battles all the way to Olympic berth

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It took Tracy Cameron less than a week in a scull to decide rowing was going to take her to the Olympics.

It didn't matter that she was already 25 and had missed out on the key development years at the sport's junior and under-23 levels. It didn't matter that she had been completely removed from competitive sport for more than six years.

"The moment my hands touched the oars and I was on the water, it fit like a glove," she recalls. "I thought, 'This is it. I've found my passion. I've found the sport I love, and I'm going for it.' In my first week, I decided I was going to the Olympics."

Cameron wasn't expecting a life-changing experience when she wandered down to the Calgary Rowing Club eight years ago. The Maritimer from Shubenacadie, N.S., grew up surrounded by water and "missed it desperately" while studying her masters in science and sports medicine at the University of Calgary.

"I saw all kinds of activity on the water, but when I saw the rowers, it just intrigued me," she says.

On little more than a whim, she enrolled in a learn-to-row program, and the rest is history. Cameron, now 33, is going to the Beijing Games and is a medal contender with partner Melanie Kok of St.



After enjoying a successful Canadian University basketball career, Tracy Cameron took a six-year break from competitive sports before trying rowing on a whim and starting on a path that will take her to next month's Olympics in Beijing.

Catharines, Ont., in lightweight double.

She didn't become an athlete overnight, however. Cameron played two seasons of university basketball with the Acadia Axewomen in Wolfville, N.S., in 1993 and 1994.

But she did have a six-year pause from competitive sport before finding rowing. She says she "did a

ton of snowboarding, mountain-bike racing and running races" during that time, but describes her involvement as "recreational."

"I'd been active and living an active lifestyle, so it was a pretty easy transfer," she says. "I just had to learn the skill of rowing, but the fitness base was already there. It really

wasn't a difficult transition for me to become a rower."

Cameron tried to qualify for the Athens Olympics in the heavyweight class (59 kilograms and up) but was unsuccessful. As a result, she dropped into the lightweight class after consulting with physicians and an exercise physiologist.

"I was on the bubble as a

heavyweight and I really didn't belong in that category," she says. "This is a more natural fit."

She lost 25 pounds in a year and won gold with Kok and two others in the lightweight quad at the 2005 world championships, the biggest achievement of her career so far.

"I always had the dream of going to the Olympics, since my first days on the water, but it became a reality when I went down to the lightweight class," Cameron says.

She calls her crew a "dream team" with "lots of good energy happening," and admits she and Kok are "contenders, for sure" for a medal in Beijing. The proof of that is in bronze and gold medals they won at World Cup events in Europe in June.

Says Cameron, of her goal in Beijing: "We're hoping to be able to play our national anthem for you."



Tracy Cameron, right, qualified for this year's Summer Games by finishing seventh in lightweight double at last year's world championships in Austria along with then-crewmate Lindsay Jennerich.

Facts

NAME: Tracy Cameron
AGE: 33
SPORT: Rowing
CATEGORY: Lightweight double
CREWMATE: Melanie Kok of St. Catharines, Ont.
HOMETOWN: Shubenacadie, N.S.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Calgary
CAREER HIGHLIGHT: Gold in lightweight quad at 2005 world championships.
MEDAL HAUL: Gold and bronze medals at World Cup events in June.

NHL

Former NHL player, head coach and general manager Mike Milbury has joined the Hockey Night In Canada broadcast team for the 2008-09 season. Milbury will be an analyst and a regular on The Hot Stove — a second-intermission feature. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Saints acquire Shockey

The New York Giants traded tight end Jeremy Shockey, left, to New Orleans yesterday in exchange for the Saints' second- and fifth-round draft choices in 2009. Shockey has played his entire six year career with the Giants, compiling 4,228 yards and 27 touchdowns on 371 receptions. **Metro News Services**

Sports world defies logic

Eskimos late collapse, Loewen's career change among head shakers

YorkReport



Logic is being defied at an awfully alarming rate in professional sports these days. Consider:

- In the CFL, in the year 2008, in a multicultural country, there are no black general managers, head coaches or even referees.

- With 99 seconds remaining in Toronto Sunday, the Edmonton Eskimos allowed a previously mediocre Argonauts offense to march a mind-boggling 109.5 yards to score a game-winning touchdown

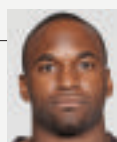
in a series that featured no fewer than five catches for 79 yards by some kid called **Tyler Scott**, who hadn't played football since he left some place called Saginaw Valley State two years ago.

- In his first two starts, North Carolina graduate **Darian Durant** accomplished something few other U.S. quarterbacks could — instant CFL success. Durant is precisely what the CFL's doctor ordered — invigorating new blood. He tore apart defenses, passing for nearly 350 yards in each of Saskatchewan's back-to-back triumphs, and yet Roughriders coach **Ken Miller** will start inconsistent, injury-prone QB **Marcus Crandell** next game.

- Japanese baseball star **Ichiro Suzuki** of the Seattle Mariners still uses a trans-

a perfect start

Darian Durant is the first quarterback to win his first two CFL starts with Saskatchewan since Kent Austin in 1987. Marcus Crandell, not Durant, will start against Toronto Sunday, when the Roughriders seek their first 5-0 start since 1948.



Durant

lator to do interviews with North American reporters even though he speaks near-perfect English to his teammates.

- The pitching career of British Columbia's **Adam Loewen**, 24, came to an abrupt, painful and heart-breaking end Saturday because of elbow problems, and yet the Baltimore Orioles actually feel they'll save the kid's MLB career by converting him into an outfielder, a transformation only one other major-

leaguer — the St. Louis Cardinals' **Rick Ankiel** — has made successfully.

- The New York Mets' **Carlos Delgado** is batting .419 in July despite widespread suggestions earlier this season that the ex-Blue Jays slugger was finished.

- A cat spat of sorts between a foul-mouthed **Danica Patrick** and a towel-throwing **Milka Duno** attracted far more attention this weekend than their so-called sport, auto racing, has all year. (Check it out at

www.metronews.ca.)

- **Jason Taylor** was traded to the Washington Redskins Sunday even though Miami bossman **Bill Parcells** said recently the defensive lineman would remain a Dolphin "unless he retires. If we trade Taylor, I'll call you myself to tell you. But I won't have to because it isn't happening. That's how sure I am." ... Makes a guy not buy those weekend denials about **Mats Sundin** joining the Vancouver Canucks.

- The geniuses who run pro tennis and pro golf both decided to hold their marquee Canadian events in Toronto in the very same week. This week. Why?

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Orioles dive-bomb Blue Jays

ORIOLES 8 BLUE JAYS 3

MLB Adam Jones and Ramon Hernandez both hit two-run home runs as the Orioles blitzed the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 in the opener of a four-game set last night in Baltimore.

Melvin Mora went 2-for-4 and added the go-ahead two-run single for the Orioles, who have won three of four.

Radhames Liz got the win but allowed five hits and three runs, fanning four while issuing six walks in 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ frames.

Alex Rios, Rod Barajas and Scott Rolen each knocked in a run for the Blue Jays, who have dropped three of four.

Jesse Litsch was charged with seven hits and six runs over 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings in the loss. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Florida	52	47	.525	1	Edmonton	2	2	.040	4
Atlanta	47	52	.475	6	B.C.	2	2	.040	4
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CENTRAL DIVISION					THURSDAY'S GAME				
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Chicago Cubs	58	40	.592	—	FRIDAY'S GAME				
St. Louis	57	43	.570	2	Edmonton at Hamilton, 8				
Milwaukee	55	43	.561	3	Montreal at B.C., 11				
Cincinnati	48	53	.475	11½	SATURDAY'S GAME				
Houston	46	52	.469	12	Toronto at Saskatchewan, 8				



Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., returns a shot against Mario Ancic of Croatia last night in the first round of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto. Dancevic won 6-3, 6-4.

Dancevic pulls off early upset

TENNIS The first upset at this year's Rogers Cup in Toronto couldn't have worked out better for Canadian tennis fans.

Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., defeated world No. 24 Mario Ancic of Croatia 6-3, 6-4 last night in opening-round action at the Rexall Centre at York University.

The 82nd-ranked Dancevic gets an even tougher test next as he faces world No. 3 and defending cham-

pion Novak Djokovic of Serbia in a second-round match tonight.

Dancevic's compatriot, Frederic Niemeyer of Deauville, Que., was not as successful. He fell 7-6 (4), 6-1 to No. 12-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain.

Other action on a rainy opening day saw No. 9 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland defeat Simone Bolelli of Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (4); 10th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France battle past

compatriot Michael Llodra, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 14 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile hammer Julien Benneteau, France, 6-1, 6-2; and No. 15 Mikhail Youzhny of Russia, oust Andreas Seppi of Italy, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

A one-set exhibition match last night saw Toronto's Daniel Nestor defeat Boris Becker 6-3, before Becker was officially inducted into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame.

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Cuddihy continues career in France

HOCKEY Former Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey forward Jimmy Cuddihy will continue his career in France next season.

Cuddihy, who had 30 points in 28 games and finished second in scoring with Dal last season, has signed with the Neuilly-Sur-Marne Bisons at France's second level. Fellow Tigers grad Martin Gascon played for the Bisons last season.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Soccer Nova Scotia's under-14 and -16 teams open the Canadian all-star soccer championships today. The girls teams are competing in Sherwood Park, Alta., while the boys are in Longueuil, Que. The tournaments conclude on Sunday.

HOCKEY Former Halifax Citadel forward Ken McRae is expected to be named head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Peterborough Petes, according to the Peterborough Examiner.

ATHLETICS Dartmouth's Stacy Chesnut has earned a spot in the Ironman world championships in Kona, Hawaii, on Oct. 11. The 37-year-old qualified at IronmanUSA in Lake Placid, N.Y., on the weekend.

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If you're trying to quit smoking, try real licorice roots (not licorice candy) and cinnamon sticks. They can substitute for the habitual need to have a cigarette between your lips. **ALIVE MAGAZINE**

Health



Raw Meal Deal

Raw foods provide superior nutrition as well as the enzymes necessary for their own digestion. The cooking process destroys these naturally occurring enzymes, forcing the pancreas to produce more internal digestive enzymes. Try to eat at least one completely raw meal each day, or eat a raw salad with a cooked meal twice a day. **ALIVE MAGAZINE**

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Date rape drug reports across Canada

- **Halifax:** Constable for media relations Jeff Carr said date-rape drug use is rare, but that it's difficult to prove druggings occurred. "We've never had a case where we've proved they were given the drug. Apparently the drug leaves the system very quickly," he said.
- **Edmonton:** Police media relations say date-rape drugs are uncommon. "We've never even seen the word 'rohypnol' in a press release," they said, referring to another popular date-rape drug.
- **Ottawa:** Drug unit detective Rick Carey said they haven't seen the date-rape drug used much. **CANICE LEUNG/FOR METRO CANADA**

Drugs on campus

Fraternity bust sparks safety, prevention concerns

CANICE LEUNG
for Metro Canada



Fraternity busted for \$126,000 in drugs — it sounds like a bad Hollywood stereotype, but that's just what happened when Toronto police seized one kilogram of ketamine (used as a date-rape drug) cocaine and mushrooms at the Delta Kappa Epsilon Alpha Phi house near the University of Toronto on June 27.

What police found was enough ketamine to spike 6,200 drinks. The drug is also used as a club drug, and accounts for about five per cent of drug use among young clubgoers, according to Ottawa's Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse.

Graduate Wasseem Malleye and current student Yong Park were charged with several drug-related offences, including possessing drugs for the purpose of trafficking.

Still, the news had some female U of T students wondering how safe their university really is. "Who knows if we go to an on-campus event or pub, you obviously have people from fraternities coming, and that would make me feel unsafe. God knows who would do what," said psychology student Nurin Jiwa.

Communications student Terri-Ann Persad said the school has never educated her about the dangers of date-rape drugs, nor did it inform her of the bust. "The school should make that more public. They're responsible for the well-being of their students," she said.



Police recently seized \$126,000 of drugs, including ketamine (the "date-rape" drug), from a Toronto fraternity house. Police say the amount of ketamine found was enough to spike 6,200 drinks.

Prevention tips, education and crisis response officers are readily available through the school's health and counseling services, said school officials.

Although most DKE members are enrolled at U of T, spokesperson Rob Steiner said administration can't control fraternities because they aren't recognized by the school. "Our jurisdiction only extends to stuff at the university or stuff that's academic. I don't think we have anything to do with this at all," Steiner said, adding that student codes of conduct don't apply to off-campus fraternities.

Date-rape drugs are a com-

munity safety concern, but there's no evidence of a larger drug ring operating on campus, said Toronto police Detective Sergeant Rob Johnson, who added that the bust is an "isolated" incident, perhaps the first campus-related bust in Canada. He said there's recently been a small spike in druggings in Toronto's Entertainment District, but they can be avoided by sticking with friends, watching your drinks and knowing where they came from.

Malleye and Park say they didn't intend to use or sell the ketamine as a date-rape drug, which is also used recreation-

Bad Signs

Date-rape drug effects:

- Drunken or dizzy feelings
- Difficulty thinking
- Out-of-body experiences
- Distorted perception of time and body
- Can't remember who or where you are
- Numbness in the body
- Blurred vision
- Amnesia (applies to GHB)

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ally, Johnson said. However, his partner, detective sergeant Edigio Roseto, believes the quantities found tell a different story. "That much ketamine is not for personal use — that is an amount sufficient for trafficking," he said, adding that recreational users can unintentionally be overwhelmed by the side effects of the drugs, and end up victimized while not fully conscious.

Still, the negative publicity could have far-reaching effects on U of T's Greek community. One fraternity member, who declined to give his name or association, said this bust gives all fraternities a bad reputation and overshadows the leukemia charity runs and fundraising spaghetti dinners his group organizes. "I don't think people have a good understanding about what fraternities are about," he said. "People don't even want to learn about it because of the stereotypes. They think it's just a bunch of guys who like to party."

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New album Eminem is back in the studio. The rapper's friend and protegee Bishop Lamont confirmed Eminem is working on his first new material since 2004's *Encore* album. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment



This fall

Grammy-winner Daniel Lanois will perform at the Marquee Club on October 18. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit local Ticketpro outlets.

Home-grown comedy

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It's her, lying in bed with two men, but Tracey MacDonald's father still posted it on the family fridge in Dartmouth.

"We all have clothes on," said the comedian. "I thought my dad wouldn't like it, but I decided to send it anyway. My dad and everybody had a good reaction to the poster. It is really funny."

MacDonald is sharing the bed with Pictou's Peter Anthony and Truro's Mark Walker, and all three are in the region this week as part of the Bluenosers Comedy Tour.

It will let the jokes fly at Alderney Landing Theatre on Thursday night.

"The photo was done at Peter's mom's place in Toronto, and she is a typi-



Peter Anthony, left, Tracey MacDonald and Mark Walker are the Bluenosers Comedy Tour, playing this Thursday.

cal Maritime mom saying 'Is everything alright? I ironed the sheets,'" MacDonald said. "It was all really funny."

She said the idea for the tour — the tagline is Nova Scotia's Funniest Threesome — developed while all three were recently back on the East Coast.

"It's cool, I was home

for Christmas, and we were playing Yuk Yuk's together," said MacDonald. "We were thinking we should do a tour in all our hometowns, because Peter was saying he had played Pictou before, and sold it out."

A past CBS Star Search grand champion, MacDonald currently lives in Los Angeles, where she is

performing in local comedy clubs and touring. Anthony recently had a special on CTV Comedy Now, while Walker has been showcased on Comedy on Club 54.

"I think this is going to go well, and maybe we can play Western Canada," said MacDonald.

"Because we are Maritimers, but there are a

More info

- What: The Bluenosers Comedy Tour
- Where: Alderney Landing Theatre
- When: Thursday, 8 p.m.
- Tickets: \$30. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit www.ticketpro.ca

lot of Maritimers out there."

In brief



GRAND CANYON Multiple Juno-winning country music star, and Nova Scotian George Canyon, above, will kick off The Word on the Street book and magazine festival with a performance at the Cunard Centre on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. The festival is an annual one-day, national event celebrating books, magazines, and publishing. It takes place at the Cunard Event Centre on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free to the public. Tickets for the George Canyon show go on sale this Saturday and are \$38.50 and \$58.50. They are available at Ticketpro outlets or by calling 1-888-311-9090.

THE TREWS RETURN Nova Scotia's own The Trews will return home to perform in support of their latest release *No Time For Later* at the Marquee Club on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of show. They go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketpro outlets or by calling 1-888-311-9090.

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On the web

- Can't catch MacDonald's local shows? Starting in August you can download the comedian's material off iTunes. **METRO HALIFAX**

David Myles Tunes at Noon



Music lovers will want to drop by Grand Parade in Halifax over the next few weeks, as the Downtown Business Commission, Music Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality present a series of free noon concerts. The Tunes at Noon series will see bands covering a wide array of musical styles each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through Sept. 5. This week's lineup includes gypsy-jazz group Gypsophilia tomorrow, folk artist David Myles (above) on Thursday, and indie singer Brent Randall on Friday. Other artists taking part in the series include Thom Swift, Norma MacDonald, Ryan Cook, Ruth Minnikin, and The Strangeboys. A complete roster of artists and the dates they play is available at www.downtownhalifax.ns.ca.

METRO HALIFAX

Halifax Pride in full swing

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project is presenting the first in a series of free public lectures about issues in the LGBT community.

Today's noon talk at the Spring Garden Road Library is presented by Matthew Numer and will look at the evolution of the queer community and where it is headed.

Here is a look at what else is going during the next couple of days of Halifax Pride 2008, which runs through Sunday:

TODAY

- Talent Night at the Youth Project, 6 p.m.
- East Coast Outfitter's ladies night paddle, 6 p.m.
- Venus Envy presents

Sex Toys 101 For Queer Girls, 6:30 p.m.

- An evening with Bob MacNeil at Menz Bar, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

•Time Out Lecture series on homophobia and sports at the Spring Garden Road Library, noon

•The Youth Project presents GSI: Gender Scene Investigation, TBA

•Swing dancers at Blue Moon Bistro, 8 p.m.

•Dress up karaoke at Menz Bar, 9:30 p.m.

•Hissy Fit's bands in drag at Reflections, 10 p.m.

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Roland Kickinger has been named as Arnold Schwarzenegger's successor in the new Terminator movie. He will play cyborg T-800 in Terminator Salvation, the role made famous by Schwarzenegger in the original movies. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

courts

Winehouse hubby sentenced

PEOPLE The husband of Amy Winehouse was ordered to serve four and a half more months in prison yesterday after he pleaded guilty to attacking a pub landlord in 2006 and then trying to cover it up.

Fielder-Civil, spent much of his first year of marriage behind bars, having been remanded in custody ahead of a planned trial for about nine months.



theatres

Dark Knight tix selling on eBay

MOVIES It seems that 4,366 theaters weren't quite enough. As hype for box office champ The Dark Knight reached a fever pitch over the weekend, moviegoers were surfing eBay and Craigslist for tickets, sometimes paying five times face value for them.

REUTERS

Bixby takes country road

Former Idol contestant releases debut album Cowboys And Cadillacs

SANDY CAETANO
Metro Canada



Last season's Canadian Idol runner-up Jaydee Bixby makes a return to the TV reality show's stage tonight.

The Drumheller, Alta., country singer says he couldn't be more excited to come back to the place that kickstarted his music career.

"That is one of the things that I was absolutely stoked about was to come back to do a song and perform," Bixby says. "It's kind of cool because now I have my new band with me and they're a great group of guys."

Fronting his new band, Bixby will perform new single Old Fashioned Girl,

off debut album Cowboys And Cadillacs, which was released last week.

Bixby says the reception he has received from fans all over Canada has been unbelievable.

"You go into it being very optimistic thinking 'OK my CD is going out in stores, that's pretty cool,'" says Bixby. "It's just amazing, but I didn't realize how much the Internet helps with sales and stuff because of things like iTunes."

From the moment his Canadian Idol experience ended Bixby has been keeping busy from landing a contract with HRM Records to writing songs and assisting with the production of his new album.

"The whole process has been great since the beginning, where you're writing songs right through to where you're holding the package, it's just a phenomenal experience to go through," he says.

To see the tracks laid out



Jaydee Bixby says fans' reaction to his new disc has been great.

and the whole process of making the album was something Bixby quite enjoyed and he even collected two co-writes on the album for tracks Love Is and

focus on the music."

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Jaydee Bixby

Somewhere Tonight.

To the remaining Canadian Idol competitors, Bixby offers these words of advice: "If I focused on all the bad stuff the judges had said about me I would have been a wreck," says Bixby. "If you focus on that, that's where people get messed up ... you just got to keep keeping on and do what you do, and focus on the music."



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CBS fine overturned for Jackson breast flash

A U.S. appeals court yesterday overturned a decision to fine CBS Corp. television stations \$550,000 US for airing a brief breast flash by pop singer Janet Jackson during the 2004 Super Bowl broadcast. **REUTERS**

When the towel hits the floor ...

How are you going to handle it?



HineSight
Anne Hines

his morning, I would like to share some thoughts about how to have a peaceful and happy partnership. With luck, it will take my mind off the fight I'm having with my spouse.

Over the years, I've learned one or two things about how to make a relationship go smoothly. After three decades of dating and/or marriage, one or two things isn't bad.

What I've learned, and you might want to write this down, is this: Relationships are tricky.

The problem in my house this morning was that issue that raises its ugly head in every long-term relationship: One of us left a towel on the bathroom floor.

It is absolutely true that, whatever unhappy thing your partner has said recently about your sister or however much you've stewed about the time he/she spends playing golf, your frustration is going to come out over something that a) is trivial; and b) has nothing to do with what you're really upset about.

In short, in relationships, the sh_t hits the fan when the towel hits the floor.

Let's look at how two people faced with this relationship annoyance might handle the situation.

First, let's look at the person who is confident in themselves and their place in the partnership. This person sees the towel on the floor, knows it has nothing to do with other relationship issues and says something like, "Honey, you've left a towel on the bathroom floor."

Notice there are key words this relationship pro does not use. Words like "again," "never," "always," and "you stupid twit." The words "never" and "always," have likely caused

more relationship trouble than even, "Everyone gains weight at your age," or, "You said it was healthy to acknowledge our attraction to other people."

Next, we have the person we'll refer to as "the rest of us." This person uses the most common strategy for dealing with relationship discord. This may be called "taking it all personally."

TRoU: I cannot believe you did this to me again. You never, never think of me and always, always leave your towel on the floor. I am so leaving you for someone who showers at the gym.

When it comes to relationships, it's best to remember two things. First, instead of getting a marriage licence, we should all be issued a learner's permit. And, the best things in life are free. But they're never easy.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

DVD picks

21

Director: Robert Luketic
Stars: Kevin Spacey, Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Jack Gilpin, Jack McGee, Lawrence Fishburne
Rating: PG-13



IN ONE of the DVD extras for 21 – a film "inspired by" the real-life story of six MIT students who won millions at Las Vegas blackjack tables – it takes a mere five minutes to detail the history of the game, basic strategy and even the students' method of counting cards, the legal but despised-by-casinos technique that gave them the edge to beat the house.

It's too bad the makers of 21 didn't see fit to squeeze these five minutes of context into the film itself. In any movie involving a heist or scam, the

how-to offers the biggest thrills. Director Robert Luketic and writers Peter Steinfeld and Allan Loeb show us pieces of the card-counting method, but never put it all together. If they had, it could have helped slim down the tedious backstory in Boston involving meek math nerd Ben Campbell (a listless Jim Sturgess), which occupies the first 27 minutes of the movie, before we get to the good stuff – or, at least, better stuff – in Vegas. There, the movie shows some signs of life, though it never achieves the excitement it aspires to. Ben's transformation from math geek to high roller doesn't go far enough – what, no drugs, no hookers? This is Vegas, right?

Kevin Spacey, as the two-faced MIT prof who runs the blackjack ring, burns at his usual intensity but can barely ignite a script that has all the dimension of a pair of deuces. That the nastiness has been toned down for a PG-13 rating is fine. What isn't forgivable is the one thing this movie about a cabal of math geniuses lacks: brains.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The L Word to get spinoff series after its final season on Showtime

DRAMA Showtime is working on a spinoff to its lesbian drama The L Word, which will kick off its sixth and final season early next year.

Ilene Chaiken, the creator of the edgy series, is in the early stages of developing the spinoff, which will star one of The L Word actresses, said Robert Greenblatt, Showtime's president of entertainment.

The identity of the chosen actress has not yet been revealed to the cast, Greenblatt said during the Television Critics Association press tour at the Beverly Hilton recently.

Pressed for more details, he said only: "We're still forming it. I'm sure I have a million e-mails already from loyal viewers about

"We're still in the process of figuring it out."

Robert Greenblatt

it, but we're still in the process of figuring it out."

The L Word, meanwhile, will end its run with an open-ended story line that will continue online. Should the spinoff get a series pickup, the story line will continue in the as-yet-untitled project, Greenblatt said.

Separately, the pay-cable network has ordered two additional 13-episode seasons of Weeds following on the heels of the comedy series' record-breaking fourth-season debut last month.

REUTERS

Ebert, Roeper leave show separately

CRITICS Film critics Roger Ebert and Richard Roeper are departing the movie-review show that bears their names, the two announced separately, leaving the program's future unclear.

Ebert, 66, who has been sidelined as co-host of At the Movies with Ebert &

Roeper since 2006 due to health problems, said in a statement that he was ending his relationship with the show. His announcement came a day after Roeper, 48, said his last appearance on the show would be an episode airing Aug. 17.

REUTERS

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critics' corner

Without a Trace
Opportunity knocks — or in this case, fires — for a woman trying to escape a bad situation. The Missing Persons Squad investigates when the woman disappears after an office shooting and discovers that her daughter is also missing ... and that this family has a secret. Sam (Poppy Montgomery) reveals her pregnancy to her co-workers in "Run." 11 PM on ASN, CBS



Kitchen Nightmares
Looks aren't everything, as Gordon Ramsay finds out when he visits the Olde Stone Mill, a restaurant in New York state that's lovely to look at but whose food is ... not so much. He and the owner butt heads, as expected, but Ramsay's recommendation to convert the place from an Italian restaurant to a steakhouse works like a charm. 9 PM on FOX

China's Leap of Faith
Suppression of religious freedom isn't nearly as bad as it used to be in China. Granted, the government only officially recognizes five acceptable national religions — Catholicism, Protestantism, Buddhism, Taoism and Islam — but it's much more tolerant of those who quietly practice something else. This new documentary takes a look at the rise of various religions in China. 10 PM on V

IntelleVision



Rick McGinnis's IntelleVision column will return.

Going country Jessica Simpson's first country concert was met with mixed reactions. Audiences booed and clapped as the singer, 28, opened for Sara Evans on Saturday at the Country Thunder USA festival in Randall, Wisc. USMAGAZINE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Trying for baby 'fun'

PARENTS TO BE? Rebecca Romijn and Jerry O'Connell, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary July 14, are not expecting a baby — yet.

"We're trying to get pregnant," the actor told People. "It would be amazing if it happened. I hope it does."

O'Connell, who says trying to get pregnant is "a lot of fun."

Though the couple spent their first wedding anniversary apart — she

was in New York and he was in L.A. — O'Connell says their time apart may actually help their relationship.

"Being apart, you want to make the most of your time together," he says. "And we really have a lot of fun together."

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Thurman denies secret wedding

PEOPLE Actress Uma Thurman has denied reports she has wed her boyfriend Arpad Busson in a secret ceremony, after reports surfaced the couple's engagement party was a guise for their nuptials, imdb.com reports. According to the New York Post, Thurman — who sparked pregnancy rumours when she was snapped with a protruding stomach in Europe last week — is allegedly enjoying her honeymoon on the trip with Busson.

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Stone, Nelly an item?

COUPLINGS Joss Stone is reportedly dating Nelly, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The soul singer has been on several secret dates with the 33-year-old rap star — who is 12 years her senior — and is said to be smitten with him. "Joss and Nelly have been out on a few dates," a source said.

"It's early days but Joss is really happy. It's great that she has met someone as successful as she is and who understands the pressures of being a performer."

Stone, 21, is also reducing her hectic work schedule this year so she can have more time for herself, and spend more time with Nelly.

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Brosnan voted top gay icon

OVER 50 Pierce Brosnan has defeated Bruce Willis and Richard Gere to land the title of most popular gay icon over 50, imdb.com reports. The former James Bond took 33 per cent of the vote, compared with Willis and Gere, who took 25 and 14 per cent respectively, while Harrison Ford and Mel Gibson scooped fourth and fifth places. The poll was compiled by dating agency gay-parship.co.uk.

celebrity brief

Hudgens not jealous of Zac's fans

COUPLES Vanessa Hudgens is adamant she is not jealous of her boyfriend Zac Efron's legions of adoring female fans, imdb.com reports. The High School Musical co-stars have been dating for nearly a year, and Hudgens admits she often feels like a giggly, teenage fan when she is around him. She says, "I don't get jealous when Zac gets loads of attention. I do, too. And I don't mind if girls scream at him — I like to scream along too."



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celebrity brief

Hart not over Pink; exes still close

PEOPLE Carey Hart and Pink may have split, but that doesn't mean they're not still close, People.com reports.

"We talk all the time and try to stay connected as much as possible," Hart said. "It's a tough situation to be in but I love her to death." And though they are not longer a couple, Hart confesses he still misses his ex. "I miss everything about her," he says. And in the

wake of their split, "I became a workaholic," says the motocross star.

"I work 19 hours a day." Carey, who married Pink in 2006 and split in February, isn't ready to move on.

Says Hart: "I'm not in any rush to get back into a relationship."

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Love and Cobain's daughter interning at Rolling Stone

PEOPLE Most magazine interns fetch coffee, run errands for editors and do some actual work — but maybe not Frances Bean Cobain, PageSix.com reports.

The 15-year-old daughter of Courtney Love and late rocker Kurt Cobain is the new summer aide at Rolling Stone. Insiders say "she doesn't get coffee for anyone... calls in sick all the time and wears funny outfits."

A Rolling Stone rep denied the story, telling Page Six, "She's a great girl, and we're thrilled to have her."

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Are you Gretchen Wilson's or Keith Urban's Twin?

If you think you look like Gretchen Wilson or Keith Urban, then submit your digital photo to us! If your photo receives the **most votes***, you win:

• 2 VIP passes to Country Rocks 2008! Concert on the Commons featuring Keith Urban and Gretchen Wilson • 2 backstage passes to the concert • 1 night's accommodations at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Email your photo to winwithmetro@metronews.ca no later than 11:59pm, July 30.

OR You can Vote and Win! Starting August 1 the voting begins! Vote for your favourite look-alike online and you could win 2 tickets to the concert of the summer! Details at metronews.ca

*winners will be contacted by phone and announced in paper on August 13. Photo entries must include a digital photo sent as a JPEG attachment that is no larger than 5MB, full name, address and daytime phone number. Entries must include COUNTRY ROCKS CONTEST in the subject line.



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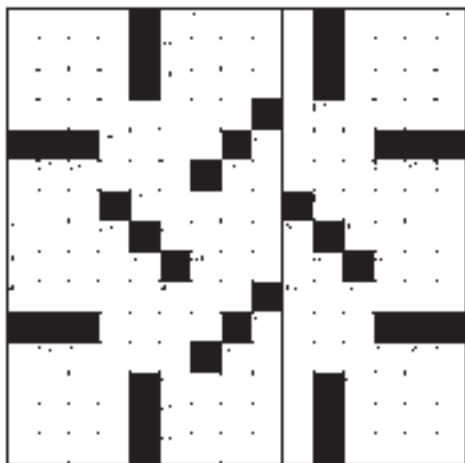
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Parental advice

Funny man Will Ferrell has jokingly advised actress Nicole Kidman to talk to her newborn daughter, Sunday Rose, "at least" once a week. "If you've got time, do it two or three times a week," he added. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Take Five



Crossword across

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Basted together | 41 Broad smile |
| 5 Jerked away | 42 Infra opposite |
| 10 Lucy Lawless role | 44 Match job |
| 14 Urgent request | 46 A funny Philips |
| 15 Caulking material | 47 Mineral deposit |
| 16 Neck and neck | 49 Brood of newborn puppies |
| 17 Woe is me! | 51 Mouse, to owls |
| 18 Ms. Barkin of films | 52 Fashion length |
| 19 Zip, to Zola | 53 Kind of cracker |
| 20 Pacific Islands group | 56 Site |
| 22 Moonshot mission | 60 Summer-camp site |
| 24 Puffin cousins | 61 It may be airtight |
| 25 2009, to Caesar | 63 Commotion (hyph.) |
| 26 Hot topics | 64 Car rental name |
| 29 Dirtiest, as a chimney | 65 Tailoring job |
| 33 Utmost degree | 66 Lambs' parents |
| 34 — voice | 67 Refute |
| 36 Sharp corner | 68 Capsizes, with "over" |
| 37 Henhouse | 69 Too hasty |
| 39 Lily pad sitters | |

Crossword down

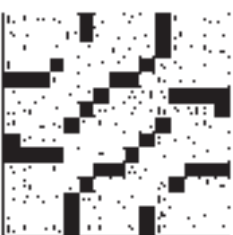
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| 1 Junk e-mail | 30 Wading bird |
| 2 First name in jazz | 31 Sticky mud |
| 3 Hold up well | 32 Quartet member |
| 4 Bahamas resort | 35 Hepburn and — |
| 5 Mentions (2 wds.) | 38 Foretell |
| 6 Nut shells | 40 Asks for |
| 7 "— cost you" | 43 Mystique |
| 8 Monsieur's summer | 45 Ms. Foch |
| 9 Hard worker | 48 Comment |
| 10 Office chore | 50 Giggle |
| 11 Like Mephistopheles | 52 It merged .with Exxon |
| 12 French physics Nobel | 53 Delighted |
| 13 Part of A.D. | 54 Gush over |
| 21 Colours | 55 Comparable |
| 23 Bread for a gyro | 56 Biology topic |
| 25 Electronic synthesizers | 57 Dubuque's state |
| 26 Acquire, as debt | 58 Lyric poems |
| 27 Matron's wear in ancient Rome | 59 Grab a snack |
| 28 Goal attempts | 62 1865 yielder |
| 29 Boutique | |

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Metro readers do it daily!



SOURCE: NADbank 2007, read yesterday;
BASE: Montreal CMA, Ottawa-Gatineau CMA,
Toronto CMA, Vancouver CMA

previous day's answer



This day in history

JULY 22, 1933: Wiley Post becomes first person to fly solo around the world travelling 15,596 miles in 7 days, 18 hours and 45 minutes.
JULY 22, 1934: Outside Chicago's Biograph Theatre, "Public Enemy No. 1" John Dillinger is mortally wounded by FBI agents.
JULY 22, 1937: The United States Senate votes down President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court of the United States.
JULY 22, 1942: Holocaust: The systematic deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto begins.
JULY 22, 1992: Near Medellin, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escapes from his luxury prison fearing extradition to the United States.
JULY 22, 1999: The first version of MSN Messenger was released by Microsoft.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Your finances will need fine tuning. A romance with a peer is possible. Expect to hear a declaration that changes things.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

An organizer can make you efficient. A fun-loving associate has ulterior motives. Time's running out for a boring boss.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A friend won't remember what you did. Get on track by pushing into new areas. Battle against weariness by learning something new.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Earn gratitude by having a serious chat. A deal will astound you. Bad plumbing initiates a house-cleaning.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

An emotional bond will develop with an absent person. You'll be happy about several things. A daydreamer will support you.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

An odd contact is lethargic. A lonely buddy will create a plan. A boss will go further than you anticipated.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Your appearance isn't the solution to problems. Spend time with an ecstatic person. You must ask an authority figure to be fair.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Your attitude changes when a man starts shouting. Try out a ridiculous theory. You'll have to work with a clown to get a job done.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Taking time off from work is a good thing. Think about details before making a change. Lend a hand before being asked.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A lover weeps over a disappointment. A new start may be sought. You'll trust someone you've recently met.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Spend time with a miserable person. Avoid battles when there's nothing left to lose. Reduce panic, or fatigue will ensue.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Don't growl when frustration leads to a snit. Detours will interrupt your quiet time. Good deals are found when women are around.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

3	6	8	9	7	5	2	1	4
7	9	4	2	6	1	3	5	8
5	2	1	3	8	4	7	6	9
8	7	3	5	4	6	9	2	1
2	1	9	7	3	8	5	4	6
4	5	6	1	9	2	8	7	3
6	3	2	8	1	7	4	9	5
1	8	7	4	5	9	6	3	2
9	4	5	6	2	3	1	8	7

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

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Terry Stickells

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

a. perurious	1. dirty, filthy
b. fruition	2. bringing results
c. alimentary	3. resentment
d. umbrage	4. stingy
e. squalid	5. related to nourishment

Previous Answer

The answer to 24 (Starring with 1 (Cruel?), which has three letters, there are collectively numbers whose letters become by one in the spelling of this word.

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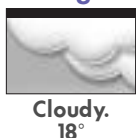
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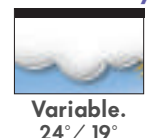
Afternoon



Tonight



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Temperature Normals
High: 22.4°
Low: 13.5°

Records
High: 28.3°/1994
Low: 8.1°/1996

Sunrise: 5:50 a.m.
Sunset: 8:50 p.m.
Moonset: 10:22 a.m.
Moonrise: 10:46 p.m.

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Pride '08 Events Sampler

Join us in celebrating our 20 year anniversary! There's so many events, we could only offer a sample of everything going on! Visit halifaxpride.com for a complete calendar. Check out all the festivities as we celebrate the freedom to be who you are. **We're here, we're queer! We're Fabulous!**

Tuesday July 22

* NSRAP Presents the Time Out Lecture Series, Tuesday thru Friday, Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library, 12 Noon

Topics range from A Builder's Guide to the Queer Community, thru Homophobia in Sports and Gender. **Free Admission.**

* Venus Envy Presents Sex Toys 101 for Queer Girls, Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington Street, 6:30 PM. For women who love women. **Free Admission**

* East Coast Outfitters Presents Ladies Night Paddle, 6 - 8 PM

Explore sheltered inlets and rocky shores and enjoy a BBQ on the wharf while the sun sets after your trip. Arrive: 5:30pm. **\$25.**

For more info call 852-2567. Variations offered other days.

Wednesday July 23

* The Youth Project Presents GSI: Gender Scene Investigation, Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen Street, 6 PM

A night of investigating and questioning gender, plus readings from Transmissions, the Youth Project's new resource for transgender youth. ALL community members are welcome at this event, GSI is open to everyone. **Free Admission**

* NEW EVENT!! Affirm United Presents An Evening of Discussion. St John's United Church, (corner of Willow & Windsor Streets) 7 PM

"What does the Bible Really Say about Homosexuality" with Dr David MacLaughlin & "A Place for GLBTs in the Church: a Theological & Ethical Perspective" with Rev Linda Yates. Q & A Period followed by refreshments. Everyone Welcome. **Free Admission**

Thursday July 24

*NSRAP Presents the Time Out Lecture Series, Sponsored by the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project with Halifax Regional Public Libraries "Gender: Trans or Otherwise," by Jenn Nearing. Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library, 12 Noon

What is gender, anyway? And who decides? Jenn will draw on her experience as a transgendered activist & educator to explore these ideas. **Free Admission**

* Reading OUT Loud
Sponsored by Venus Envy & Halifax Public Libraries Halifax North Library, 2182 Gottingen Street, 7 PM

Now in its seventh fabulous year, hosted by Jane Kansas. Some of the Hali-famous, including Terri Tremblath, Alison Ambi & Hugo Dann reading some of their favourites samplings of Queer Lit. **Free Admission**

Friday July 25

* Pride Ceilidh Propeller Brewing Co. Presents Under the Big Top: Songwriters' Showcase Pride Festival Site Garrison Grounds, 5 - 9PM

Produced by Ryan MacGrath, featuring Amelia Curran, Tanya Davis, Erin Costello, Archie Gillis, and Ryan Cook. One kick-ass show!!! **\$5 Suggested donation**

* Atlantic Film Festival Association's Alfresco Film Fest Presents Some Like It Hot, Tall Ships Quay, Halifax Waterfront. Gates open at 8, showtime at 9 PM or dusk.

Come down to the harbour to enjoy the outdoor screening of this Billy Wilder cross-dressing, comedy classic. Starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Marilyn Monroe. Perhaps her finest role! What could be more gay, in any sense of the word?

\$5 donation

Saturday July 26, PRIDE DAY

* 20th Anniversary Pride Parade: The largest Pride parade east of Montreal! Parade starts from Cornwallis & Upper Water St. @ 1:30 PM SHARP. Visit halifaxpride.com for parade route.

* 20th Anniversary Pride Festival: Garrison Grounds Pride Festival Site, 3 - 8:30 PM. Pride's Concert-on-the-hill Performers, a Beer Garden, and Blazin' Barlows BBQ! Rainbow Community Fair with vendors, games and prizes. For kids of all ages. **Free Admission**

* Girl-ish Productions Presents: WetSpot. The Argyle, 1575 Argyle St. 9 PM - 2 AM. Halifax's hottest pride party! Three floors and a rooftop patio. Featuring Simon Thibault and DJ Ro. (Advanced Tickets: \$12 at Venus Envy, \$15 at door (no advanced tickets on Pride Day))



For information on bar listings and many other Pride Week events, go to halifaxpride.com

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The Youth Project provides support and services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, 25 and under, across Nova Scotia. The Project has been running since 1993 and provides a safe, supportive, youth directed environment where youth can access information, peers, support, and social activities. The Youth Project Provides support, education and information to youth, their friends and families, school, social services, organizations and the community.